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### THE ROBINSON FAMILY OF MIDDLESEX, &c.

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9. BENJAMIN<sup>6</sup> ROBINSON (*Christopher*<sup>5</sup>) born 1689 (*chart*), was bequeathed by his father 1,200 acres, part of Moone's Mount estate, in Essex county, and 900 acres adjoining which had been lately patented. Benjamin Robinson lived during his whole life at this place, which later, by the formation of a new county, was in Caroline. He was sheriff of Essex, 1724 and 1725, and clerk of Caroline 1726-1761. He married Sarah Ring, evidently of the family of the name in York county. He died in 1761.

As the will books and early marriage records of Caroline county have been destroyed, it would have been difficult to trace the descendants of Col. Benjamin Robinson had it not been for the fortunate discovery of a suit in the records of the old Fredericksburg District Chancery Court, which concerned his family and estate. The suit was Lyons, representative of the estate of Speaker John Robinson *vs.* Anthony Thornton adm'r of Capt. Joseph Robinson. It appears that Benjamin Robinson had borrowed money from his nephew the Speaker. There are references made by witnesses in the suit to the intimacy between Benjamin Robinson and Charles Carter of "Cleve" King George county. One of the papers recorded is a mortgage, dated April 18, 1749, with Charles Carter as trustee, in which Benjamin Robinson and Sarah his wife, conveyed for the benefit of Humphrey Bell, of Great Britain, the estate called Moone's Mount, Caroline county, which had been devised by Christopher Robinson to his son, the said Benjamin. There was also filed a letter from Anthony Thornton of "Ormsby," Caroline county dated 1787, in which he states that Captain Joseph Robinson, son of Benjamin, was in his last illness. Thornton, in his answer in the suit, stated that he understood that Benjamin Robinson and Charles Carter married sisters, that they were very intimate and that Joseph Robinson died about 1787.

Edmund Pendleton testified that Col. Benj. Robinson lived at "Moone's Mount" and that he died about 1761. He also stated that Benjamin Robinson's legatees were his wife Sarah, his eldest son and heir Joseph Robinson, daughter Mary, and Sarah and sons Benjamin, Charles and Thomas. Mrs. Robinson died in 1765. Lawrence Bataille, gentleman, married the daughter Sarah Robinson. Another deponent mentions a daughter Hannah, though this may have been an error.

The issue of Benjamin and Sarah (Ring) Robinson were:

26. Captain Joseph,<sup>†</sup> Clerk of Caroline county, 1763-1780, died unmarried and intestate in 1787.
27. Benjamin,<sup>†</sup> married Susanna, daughter of Joseph Brock, of Spotsylvania county, but died without issue, having survived his wife. His will was dated August 11, 1785, and proved in Spotsylvania December 1, 1795. His legatees were his brother Charles Carter Robinson and sister Sarah Robinson.
28. Dr. Charles Carter,<sup>†</sup> (of whom hereafter).
29. Thomas,<sup>†</sup> no information.
30. Mary,<sup>†</sup> born September, 1729, died unmarried July 17, 1813 (*a family Bible*).
31. Sarah,<sup>†</sup> married prior to 1765, Lawrence Battaile, of Caroline county.

20. CHRISTOPHER<sup>†</sup> ROBINSON (*Christopher*<sup>8</sup>) was born in 1705 (*chart*); died July 2d, 1768. His seat was "Hewick," Middlesex county. He was a member of the House of Burgesses for Middlesex at the sessions of February, 1752, November, 1753, February, 1754, August, 1754, October, 1754, May, 1755, August, 1755, October, 1755, March, 1756, September, 1756, April, 1757, and March, 1758. His will, as that of "Christopher Robinson, Esq.," was dated July 17, and proved in Middlesex, December 6, 1768. He directs his estate in Yorkshire to be sold and the proceeds laid out in lands and negroes in Virginia for his son Christopher. To his wife Sarah one third of all his estate, real and personal, in England and Virginia, (except the parts he had given to his daughters Mary and Betty), for her life. To his daughter Mary Robinson all his land in James City county, and certain negroes. To his daughter Betty Robinson certain negroes and £800 sterling. Rest of the estate to son Christopher.

The will of Sarah, widow of Christopher Robinson, was dated December 6, 1771, and proved in Middlesex February 5, 1772. She left her estate to her daughter, Elizabeth Robinson, and son Christopher.

In 1774 is recorded in Middlesex an account with the estate of Christopher Robinson, deceased. The rents of Hewick, Yorkshire, are stated to have been as follows: In the year 1771, £415; in 1772, £425.17.9; in 1773, £433.14 11, and in 1774 £424.14.6, all sterling. Christopher Robinson is stated in the chart to have married, first—daughter of Col. Barclay. The parish register gives the name of this wife as Mary. She was no doubt one of the Berkleys of "Barn Elms," Middlesex. Edmund Berkeley, of "Barn Elms," who died in 1718, had a daughter Mary. The parish register corrects the chart in some respects. Christopher Robinson married secondly (marriage bond dated May 6, 1750,) Sarah, daughter of John Wormley, of "Rosegill," Middlesex. She was born March 23, 1717.

Issue of Christopher Wormeley (by first marriage):

32. Judith,<sup>8</sup> "daughter of Chistopher and Mary Robinson," born June 2, 1736 (*Register*), and married (marriage bond dated Middlesex, June 16, 1755,) Carter Braxton, afterwards signer of the Declaration of Independence. Her portrait is now in the possession of her descendant, Mrs. Edgar A. Pole, Hot Springs, Va.
33. Christopher,<sup>8</sup> "son of Christopher and Mary Robinson," born March 9, 1737-8 (*Register*). He must have died young.
34. Lucy,<sup>8</sup> "daughter of Christopher and Mary Robinson," died March 7, 1734 (*Register*).

By second marriage:

35. Christopher,<sup>8</sup> born 1754, made his will, which was proved in 1784. Unmarried (*Chart*). Named in father's and mother's wills.
36. Mary,<sup>8</sup> named in father's will.
39. Elizabeth,<sup>8</sup> named in father's and mother's wills. She married on May 19, 1782, William Steptoe. She inherited the "Hewick" estate in Middlesex.

In accordance with the will of Christopher<sup>7</sup> Robinson, his executors, Richard Corbin and Ralph Wormeley, sold, about 1776, the manor of Hewick, in Yorkshire, containing about 900 acres, to Sir Fletcher Norton for £17 000, and of this amount a portion was laid out in land in Virginia and the remainder invested in the English funds.

N. B.—The generation numbers of the children of John<sup>6</sup> Robinson are wrongly given on page 217 of the October Magazine. They should be: 18. Christopher<sup>7</sup>, &c., instead of Christopher<sup>8</sup>, &c.

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## HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL NOTES AND QUERIES.

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### PRICES AT NORFOLK AND RICHMOND, 1793.

Europeans have been very curious about America from 1775 and earlier to the present day. This is not surprising, since America is so largely Europe transferred. The early observers are perhaps the most interesting. They could comprehend at that time, whereas to-day the visitor is apt to be merely bewildered, like the natives. From 1778 to 1800 there were but two or three years in which a book of Travels in America was not produced. J. F. D. Smyth, Amburey, Chastellux, Dr.